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FROM THE DIRECTOR

Richard Brunson

On May 7, 1993, Lesley and I (along with our children, Meredith and Nathan) had a new addition to our family. Daniel Taylor Brunson was born at 6:30 a.m. He weighed 8 lbs. 7 oz. and was 22 inches long. Daniel Taylor is named after Taylor Field, home missionary serving as director of East 7th Baptist Ministry (Graffiti) in Manhattan's lower east side.

After Daniel Taylor was born, I called Taylor Field to tell him of Daniel Taylor's birth. I am including in this article a portion of a letter that was sent from Taylor Field to Daniel Taylor Brunson because it says something about Taylor Field and the person that he is as well as something about the people that each of us are called to be:

Dear Daniel Taylor,

"Welcome to life! This is a great place to be, Daniel Taylor, and I'm glad you're here. You and I will always have one thing in common—the same middle name. It probably came from the English word `tailor' centuries ago. Maybe it was someone who took pieces of cloth and made something useful out of them or someone who mended things that were ripped and torn apart. Let's make that our goal in life, too, Daniel Taylor, that whatever we do, we're in the business of making things useful and reuniting things that were shredded. And if you encounter problems that seem like giants, just remember that in the old fairy tales, it is the tailor who unexpectedly becomes the giant killer. It's a great name to have.

Your Dad just told me over the phone the glorious story of your birth (at least he said the labor pains were no problem for him—I haven't talked to your Mom yet). Styles in language and thought change all too quickly, Daniel Taylor, and by the time you're a man the way we speak now may seem dated and outmoded. But, a few days after your birth, this is my prayer for you—that you will know and love the One whose agenda is not just the mending of scraps or of programs or of creatures, but whose agenda is the mending of the entire universe. (Ephesians 1:10). Have a great life!"

Your friend,

John Taylor Field

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Men in Missions

On the cover of this edition of *Men in Missions*, you will notice that N.C. Baptist Men now has a new logo. This logo was designed by Jeff Bowman, director of the Publication Department, Baptist State Convention. Jeff designed this logo by reading our goal and objectives of N.C. Baptist Men and by looking at the *If You Can* (N.C. Baptist Men) brochure. What do you see when you look at this logo? I hope you see a man who is looking toward the Lord for leadership; a man with his sleeves rolled up and is ready to serve; a man who is offering his hands, his gifts, his talents, himself in service to a lost and hurting world. John 13:3-5 is a powerful passage. In this passage, Jesus taught the disciples that you lead by serving. This logo is a powerful reminder that when you are called to follow Christ, you are called to serve Christ and to serve your fellowman in Jesus' name.

State Missions Offering to be Promoted by Church Brotherhood

State Missions: Offering Help and Hope is the theme for the state missions emphasis in September. The Brotherhood director along with the WMU director have primary responsibility for promoting the offering and for planning and directing related prayer and study. At this time in our history, it is crucial that we support this very important offering. Not only does it support the many ministries of the Missions Division of the Baptist State convention, but it is the primary support for North Carolina Baptist Men. Almost 60% of the support for our NC Baptist Men programs, ministries, and activities comes from this offering.

State missions materials are included in an insert in this issue of *Men in Missions.* The insert is also in the current issue of *Tarheel Talk* and an upcoming issue of *Church Leader Bulletin.* Offering materials will be mailed to each church in late July. If you need more information or additional materials, please contact the Missions Division of the Baptist State Convention (1–800–395–5102).

Please plan to have a strong emphasis on this offering and pray, pray, pray!

State Missions Offering: What is it? Why Should I Support It?

The annual State Missions Offering provides essential, basic support for a variety of North Carolina missions and ministries, including some of the most familiar and popular programs of work across our state.

Item: 88 percent of WMU's entire program budget comes from the State Missions Offering. Some programs, like Camp Mundo Vista (GA/Acteens camp), would literally go out of business without the special offering.

Item: 56 percent of North Carolina Baptist Men's (Brotherhood) program budget comes from the State Missions Offering. Baptist Men's Disaster Relief Van, the Medical/Dental Bus, agricultural mission projects — all are heavily dependent on state missions.

Item: 47 percent of the Mission Division program budget comes from the State Missions Offering. Almost two-thirds of the Language Missions' support comes from the offering. Church Extension gets a little more than one-half of its money from the offering.

Item: 44 percent of the Youth and Campus Ministries Division program budget comes from the State Missions Offering. This year's special offering is earmarked for international students, summer mission programs and special projects at UNC Wilmington and Greensboro.

State Missions also provides scholarships for Baptist students attending one of the convention's seven colleges or universities, helps the new Center for Congregational Health at Baptist Hospital School of Pastoral Care, and pays for the conference center at Caswell where scores of senior citizen and other church groups meet each year.

Baptist associations receive direct assistance from the State Missions Offering. Each association is given an amount equal to 10 percent of the offering collected in that association. If the churches in an association contribute a total of $40,000 to the State Missions Offering, for example, that association receives back $4,000 — 10 percent — money they can spend on any program of their choice.

The State Missions Offering also provides financial support for Fruitland Baptist Bible Institute and the North Carolina Christian Action League.

The 1993 State Mission Offering goal is $1.8 million. When we fail to reach that goal —last year we only collected around three-fourths of that amount — direct mission programs are simply not funded. A short-fall in the offering leaves the convention no choice. This translates into fewer student summer missionaries, less money for language missions and new church starts, a cut back in work with migrants and other special ministry groups, even less money for Baptist Men's disaster relief van and the medical/dental bus.

The State Missions Offering is not merely an "extra" budget item or money spent on programs unable to be funded by the Cooperative Program. The State Missions Offering supports essential ministries. And without it, many state Baptist ministries — ones churches have grown to depend upon — simply will no longer exist.

The Power...and The Presence

Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost: Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you..." (Matt. 28:19–20)

Everyone immediately recognizes this statement as the Great Commission. Thousands of missionaries at home and around the world have claimed it as the Scriptural basis for their response to God's call to service. The great success of the missions enterprise by Baptists is due, in large measure, to the faithfulness of individuals and families in honoring their commitment to this calling.

I wonder, though, if we are fully aware of the complete statement made by Jesus when He uttered His well-known charge. He begins His statement as recorded in Matthew by saying: "All power is given unto me in heaven and in earth." (Matt. 28:18). What an astounding claim! It gives tremendous credibility to everything He will say after that.

Almighty and *Omnipotent* are terms we frequently use to describe God the Father. These powerful qualities are vested in Jesus the Son. Then comes the awesome and overwhelming thought: This *Power* is available to you and me! What is the secret to having this *Power* and using it? We must go in Jesus' name, not our own.

Jesus not only guarantees us His Power, He assures of His Presence. "...and, lo, I am with you alway, even unto the end of the world." (Matt. 28:20). It is interesting that no mention is made anywhere in the passage of the characteristics of our journey as we fulfill His commission to go. We know from our own experiences as well as the experiences of others that the way is often filled with difficulties. Many missionaries have given and continue to give their lives as they go in Jesus' name. We are not promised an easy path or a bed of roses. We are promised that He will be with us wherever we go. Isn't that really the best of promises?

A major operating principle of North Carolina Baptist Men is that all are called, all are gifted, all are sent. North Carolina Baptists are responding to this appeal and are going into all the world, whether that world is here in our home communities or thousands of miles away. As we go, it is comforting to be nestled between His Authority and His Assurance—between His Power...and His Presence!

Maurice Cook, president, NCBM

Maurice Cook
Raleigh, NC

VOLUNTEER PROFILE

Willard Finch

Willard Finch works several hours each week as volunteer coordinator of lay renewal weekends in the N. C. Baptist Men's office in Cary.

Finch, a native of Nash County, is married to the former Evelyn Hodges of Winterville. They have a daughter and three grandchildren who live in Tifton, Georgia.

Willard and Evelyn live in Winterville and are active members of Winterville Baptist Church, where he has served in numerous leadership positions. Willard worked as an administrator at Pitt Community College until he retired in 1987. He enjoys gardening, reading, Bible study, music, playing the clarinet, and traveling.

Lay renewal has been an important influence in Willard's life. Willard says of lay renewal, "It was in a lay renewal weekend that I first learned that all are called, gifted, and sent. Lay renewal is the program that will help a church to embark on a meaningful and lasting journey. Until the church is renewed for outward expression through ministry there will be no renewal. Renewal must have purpose and that purpose is outside the four walls of the church."

The Purpose of North Carolina Baptist Men

The goal of North Carolina Baptist Men is to help Baptist State Convention of North Carolina churches and Baptist associations involve their members (especially men and boys) in missions.

The objectives for accomplishing this goal are to:

- enable and equip men and boys to be personally involved in mission activities
- encourage men and boys to identify and develop their personal ministries
- educate men and boys concerning mission opportunities
- teach men and boys the importance of praying for and giving to missions
- lead men and boys in developing in all areas and aspects of their lives to become mature, active and involved Christians.

Hope for Hurting Humanity

North Carolina Baptist Men, Woman's Missionary Union and the Home Mission Board are sponsoring *Hope for Hurting Humanity*. The goal of *Hope for Hurting Humanity* is to involve all N.C. Baptist churches in a ministry project in 1994.

A packet of 25 ministry projects is available through N.C. Baptist Men's Department. These 25 ministry projects and many others will be demonstrated at a "Hope for Hurting Humanity Missions Expo" to be held on Saturday, Jan. 15, 1994, in Winston-Salem during the Baptist Men's Convention. This Missions Expo is being sponsored by North Carolina WMU and N.C. Baptist Men. You will be receiving more information on this missions expo at a later date. Right now it is important that you get with your church WMU leadership and start planning one (or more) churchwide ministry project that can be done in your community.

Your Hope for Hurting Humanity project should be a churchwide project and not just a Baptist Men's or Baptist Women's project. Get your Brotherhood and WMU officers together along with your pastor and work on coordinating and planning your mission projects and meetings. The WMU or Brotherhood director should be chairman of this "committee." Alternate leadership of this committee annually between the church Brotherhood and WMU director. The important thing is not who is leading this effort but that Brotherhood and WMU work together to help involve their church in missions and to share the good news of the gospel with a lost and hurting world.

HOPE FOR HURTING HUMANITY

Serve in Christ's Spirit

1994 N.C. Baptist Men's Convention is January 14-16

The annual N.C. Baptist Men's Convention for *all* Baptist men, Baptist Young men, and their wives will be held Jan. 14–16, First Church, Winston-Salem. There are always many wives who attend the annual meeting so the program is always planned with this in mind.

The speakers scheduled to appear will challenge all N.C. Baptist Men and women to a greater Christian commitment and a greater involvement in missions. The theme for this year's convention is "God Loves, God Cares—the Hope for Hurting Humanity."

This year's convention will begin at 7:30 p.m. on Friday evening. The Saturday morning session will be held at First Baptist Church followed by the Saturday afternoon "Hope For Hurting Humanity Missions Expo" that will be held at the Education Building at the Dixie Classic Fairgrounds. We will have a world hunger supper on Saturday evening at First Baptist Church and we will finish the day with our Saturday evening session at First Baptist Church. On Sunday morning we will conclude our convention with our Baptist Men's prayer breakfast. This breakfast will be held at the Holiday Inn North in Winston-Salem.

Highlights of the 1994 meeting include Tim Hansel, noted author and speaker, who will be the main speaker on Friday evening and Saturday morning and "The Hope for Hurting Humanity Missions Expo" with over 80 mission action booths that show mission projects that churches can be involved in their communities.

The Saturday evening session will feature John Cheyne, Human Needs Director, Foreign Mission Board, who will speak during the world hunger dinner. Taylor Field, missionary to "Graffiti" in Manhattan's Lower East side will also be speaking during the Saturday evening session.

The Sunday Morning Prayer Breakfast will be at the Holiday Inn North. Denton Lotz, General Secretary, Baptist World Alliance, will be the main speaker.

All through the weekend there will be testimonies by Baptist Men who are serving God by offering "Hope For Hurting Humanity" in their community, and around the world.

For more information and a registration form, check the appropriate item on the back page.

LAY REVIVALS

Baptist Lay Witnessing Foundation Annual Meeting August 20–21

The annual meeting for the Baptist Lay Witnessing Foundation will be held on Friday night and Saturday morning, August 20–21, at the Caraway Conference Center near Asheboro. Registration will begin Friday afternoon at 4:30, supper will be served from 5:30 to 6:30, and the program will begin at 7:00.

The cost, based on double occupancy is $33 per person. This includes lodging, meals, and use fee. If you request a single room, the cost will be $41.50. For commuters, the cost is $2.00 use fee plus meals: breakfast — $3.00; lunch — $5.25; Super — $5.75. For additional information, call Donald Greene at 704–495–4190.

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AGRICULTURE MISSIONS

Visit Ag Missions Demonstration Farm

If you have never been to the Ag Missions Demonstration Farm at Campbell University, you are missing a treat. If you have been, but it has been awhile, you need to go again.

Mr. and Mrs. Gene Hickman are the resident farm managers now and what an outstanding job they are doing. The name sounds familiar because Gene Hickman, Jr. was the farm manager several years ago. Gene Sr. is a retired farmer and is just what the demonstration farm needs.

I have been impressed by Gene's dedication and his way of looking at this position as a ministry to God, which it is indeed. Gene has the farm looking the best it has looked in some time. He lives and works on the farm fulltime. Gene is a meticulous record keeper and has created a detailed equipment inventory. He is keeping a watchful eye on expenses, and is taking good care of the demonstration plots.

For a tour of the farm, give Gene a call(919–893–3077). He or someone on one of the Ag Missions committees is always ready and willing to give a program to churches, youth groups, Brotherhoods, or WMUs. Just give us a call.

By the time you read this, we will have conducted our annual Field Day on the Farm. The meal this year was catered by *Bill's BBQ* in Wilson. Bobby Walls, demonstration farm chairman, organized the event that began with a tour of the Farm and concluded with a meal and program.

The Field Day is held every year in June or July (this year the date is July 10). If you are not on the Ag Mission mailing list, contact the Baptist Men's office in Cary (1–800–395–5102). We will then make sure that you get an invitation to next year's Field Day.

One of our committee chairmen, Stephen Hughes, is visiting and working in the Philippians for a part of the summer. He will be conducting music seminars in Baptist churches there. He will also be visiting an agricultural demonstration farm directed by Southern Baptist Missionary, Harold Watson. We pray for a successful, safe, and productive trip for Stephen and look forward to hearing and reading about his mission trip.

Mr. and Mrs. Gene Hickman

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PRAYER SUPPORT

In Order to Pray Our Vision of Christ Must be Right

Questions about prayer are asked often by many people, church leaders and church members alike, such as:

Why do Christians not have a quiet time each day?

Why do the members of our church not attend prayer meeting in our church?

Why are special programs with emphasis on prayer so poorly attended by church leaders and members?

I have come to understand that the reason for these questions being asked is that so many Christians do not know or understand who God really is. For whatever reason, people during the years lose their vision of the Christ who lifted them out of the miry quicksand of sin and placed them on the solid rock of salvation. They have lost the image of the crucified Christ who died on the cross that they could have life; the vision of the Christ who conquered satan, hell, and death in order that we might have victory over hell and death has diminished with time since our salvation.

Each Christian should pray and would pray today like the great men in the Bible if we could only see God in His holiness, righteousness, and glory as they saw Him. Moses saw God in all of His holiness on the mountain. This sight brought a glow to his face, which changed his life so much, it made the people know he had been in the presence of God Almighty. He was different coming off that mountain than he was climbing up that mountain. Friends, we will always be different after we have been in the presence of God than before we were in His presence. Seeing God in His holiness will cause us to have the desire to be in His presence in prayer.

Conduct a Bible study on the life of Elijah, Job, Isaiah, Stephen, and Paul. You will discover that they were ordinary men who became great men because they saw God in His holiness, as the Creator, giver of life, Redeemer, Holy, Righteous, and One who desired to have a personal relationship with them.

This same vision of Jesus Christ, the knowledge of who Jesus Christ really is, will change our prayer life which will change how we live, what we do, how we think, and how we serve Him who is Holy.

- **Our time in prayer will increase when we come to see and realize that Jesus christ is the Son of the Holy God.**
- **We need to see Christ as our**

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AVIATION MISSIONS

What is Aviation Mission Thrust?

North Carolina Baptist Men are preparing to bring on line a new evangelistic outreach by making use of the untapped aviation resources found within our ranks. The new aviation missions does not encompass the need for actual flying in its initial inception, but is totally geared to identifying all aviation skills to disciple and attract young men and women to Christ.

The major objective of the program is to encourage those youths who already know about Christ and His saving grace to invite as many unchurched youth to the scheduled meetings and seminars. These meetings will be integrated with Bible study, the salvation story and the call to serve Christ. The incentive will be for any North Carolina Baptist youth, male or female, be admitted to the free aviation ground classes, seminar, and aviation field trips provided that he or she bring at least one unchurched friend or relative to the meetings. The meeting places will be supported and sponsored by local churches and businesses, or Baptist Men groups in their private homes.

It is anticipated that the Baptist Men with aviation background will volunteer their time and services to be a part in establishing an aviation fellowship in their area. The two age groups targeted will be ages 10–14 and ages 15 and up.

Where necessary, all volunteers will be trained in discipleship in preparation for presenting the salvation call to those who are unchurched as well as those who have strayed away from the church. It is hopeful that there will be found within the North Carolina Baptist family, female Christian pilots who may be members of women's professional pilot groups, such as, the "Ninety-Nines" and the "Powder-Puff Derby." Such will be brought in to facilitate the discipleship of the young women.

There will be an aviation planning committee in place that will be responsible for setting the Christian training and aviation agenda. A regional aviation coordinator is expected to be appointed in all Baptist regions. All efforts will be coordinated through the North Carolina Baptist Men's office by Lonnie Reynolds. Anyone interested in being a part of this new aviation mission venture and receiving an application may contact Lonnie Reynolds at 1–800–395–5102; PO Box 1107, Cary, NC 27512.

Pray for this new aviation mission venture and may the Holy Spirit be the "Pilot-in-Command" as the Baptist Men "take off" again to fulfill Christ's Great Commission.

For more information and to register as a volunteer, check the appropriate item on the back page.

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(John Caldwell is a bi-vocational pastor, and a commercial rated pilot employed with the NC Department of Transportation, Aviation Division. John has a heart for missions. He has traveled to Togo twice on mission with the Baptist Men during their partnership with Togo, West Africa.)

OVERSEAS MISSIONS

Ukraine Mission Partnership Continues to Grow

The first six teams have gone to Ukraine. Five of them have arrived safely back home with the sixth team hard at work in Ukraine. Many thanks to those that have gone and to those that are preparing to go.

A medical and dental team has gone to Ukraine to explore the possibilities that exist in these fields. Much work is needed in these areas of human needs. They are many years behind us in meeting the medical and dental needs of the people of Ukraine. The leadership of WMU in North Carolina has visited Ukraine to find out how they can help the women in the churches there.

The first priority of our partnership was to help purchase and construct a seminary in Kiev, the capital city. We can now be thankful that the building has been purchased and we are in the process of laying plans to remodel this building. The building is a three-story masonry type on a beautiful piece of property on the outskirts of Kiev. It is easy to reach by means of the metro and bus lines. The building has been vacant for some time and vandals have taken it apart. It is going to require a lot of clean-up before any actual construction can begin. We need lots of volunteers to go in and start on this process. Teams are leaving every Saturday. Why not be a part of one of these teams?

The first team to go to Ukraine started work on the office of the Baptist Union. They added much needed office space to the upstairs of the Union Building. They framed in the wall petitions and started knocking holes in end walls for windows. Materials were purchased for the next teams to continue this work. Electrical and plumbing is now being done by the Ukrainians. Hopefully, the next team can start putting up the sheetrock. Much was accomplished by this first team in more ways than the actual construction that they did. Friendships were made that will mean alot to the rest of the teams that will go. Many thanks to this group of men.

The second team went to the Baptist church in Zaporozhye, a city in central Ukraine some 14 hours by train from Kiev. The volunteers helped in the construction of the church there. The work involved the forming and pouring of steps and helping with the masonry part of the construction. It is exciting to hear about the friendships that were made with our Christian brothers and sisters. Most people there had never

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LAY RENEWAL

Church in 21st Century Subject of Retreat

Our Lay Celebration was held early in May at Caraway. Reid Hardin from the Home Mission Board led our retreat. In preparing for the retreat, Reid was asked to help us think beyond where we are in renewal today. So the theme he chose was, "What kind of church are we building for the twenty-first century?" Intriguing, isn't it? We are only seven years away from the year 2000. Will our churches be able to meet the needs of people as they try to cope with all of the changes being wrought? As we concluded the retreat, I thought, what a tremendous vehicle the church renewal journey is to help churches position themselves to hear what new and fresh messages God will have for his church in the days ahead.

I want to share excerpts from reports from two recent renewal events. Listen!

There was an overwhelming expression of thanksgiving and praise for the Lay Ministry Weekend with virtually every visiting team member mentioned. It was truly amazing to see how God used you to address specific individual needs. Basically, everyone attested to being encouraged to trust more in God's love and to draw closer in love to one another. One individual states that he is praying about devoting himself to the Lord's work upon retirement in three years. There was also a general commitment to seek God's will and to be in His will. There was proclamation of support for the pastor and a commitment to lift him up in prayer. Two men are contemplating job changes so they can devote more time to the Lord and to their families. Two members recommitted to teaching.

Our Sunday night service was a wonderful end to a truly wonderful weekend. We began at 6:00 p.m. and concluded about 10:05 p.m. Nearly everyone present shared what God was doing in their lives. We even had some visitors share from their perspective. There was an openness that I have experienced very few times in my Christian journey. We had over 30 adults commit to meeting in small groups at the conclusion of the service. I am confident that our journey has only just begun. I am already excited about our lay ministry weekend next spring.

Can't you sense the fresh movement of God in these experiences? The renewal journey encourages us to draw aside and listen to the blowing of the Spirit anew. If you are interested in knowing more about the renewal journey, contact the Baptist Men's office in Cary.

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DISASTER RELIEF

Disaster Relief Training Event Schedule Announced

The Spring Disaster Relief training event was held at Caraway Conference Center, April 23–24, with every available room used as well as off-campus housing. My deepest appreciation to Jimmy Huffman for all the arrangements he made and the training team who so effectively led each group.

A Fall Disaster Relief Training Event will be held at the Baptist Building in Cary on Saturday, Oct. 9. This will be a full training event for any persons who would like to become a part of our Disaster Relief Team and be trained to use the Disaster Relief Unit. It will begin at 9:30 a.m. and conclude around 3:00 p.m. Registration cost is $15 each and will cover the cost of materials and lunch.

The schedule for use of the Disaster Relief Unit in the various regions of our state is as follows for 1993–94:

July — Region 3 (contact: W.L. (Bill) Owens Jr., 919–457–9488)
August — Region 1 (contact: Steven Moore, 919–358–3781)
September — Region 9 (contact: Allen Lee, 704–235–8300)
October — Region 5 (contact: Paul Wilson, 704–637–6735)
November — Region 6 (contact: Steve Smith, 704–786–0584)
December — Region 8 (contact: Larry Freeze, 704–664–5168)
January — Region 4 (contact: Shirlowe Powell, 919–851–0605)
February — Region 5/Maintenance (contact: Paul Wilson, 704–637–6735)
March — Region 7 (contact: Skip Greene, 704–262–1072)
April — Region 10 (contact: Lyman Fisher, 704–586–5405)
May — Region 2 (contact: Mike Anders, 919–291–6506)

Please contact our regional coordinators if you wish to have the unit in service in your region during this time.

Hurricane season is now upon us. Please be in prayer for God's care of whatever may be ahead. I am grateful for our regional teams' readiness to go. I am also thankful that we have implements a new ministry giving greater emphasis to recovery services. A number of associations are building recovery units. Please contact N.C. Baptist Men if you have an interest.

The Disaster Relief logo is patented. Due to insurance obligations, all units using the Disaster Relief logo must be registered through N.C. Baptist Men. The magnitude of a disaster and our work through the Red Cross necessitates this need.

For more information and to register for the Oct. 9 training event, check the appropriate item on the back page.

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STATE MISSIONS
Offering Help And Hope

"...whatever you did for one of the least of these... you did for me." *Matt. 25:40*

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BAPTIST STATE CONVENTION OF NORTH CAROLINA

HURRICANE ANDREW
'We Got A Call... So We Came'

Story by Deborah Griffin. Photos by Paul Obregon

They came from Wilson, and Spruce Pine and Cleveland North Carolina. As one volunteer said, "We got a call saying come. So we came."

That call was from South Florida. Hurricane Andrew had just decimated the region. People living there found themselves in a struggle for the basic necessities. North Carolina Baptists heard the plea and immediately responded.

All total, over 2,000 North Carolinians volunteered to help. Most were not prepared for the devastation that awaited them. Each one will never forget those experiences, watching people struggle to maintain a normal life in the midst of so much destruction.

Paul Wilson came from Salisbury. He was the coordinator of a group from the central Piedmont, the first group assigned to the Andrew disaster. "It was so unreal. I'll never be able to put it into words."

Wilson saw families, suddenly homeless; children lined up, begging for water; and entire streets leveled as if a powerful explosion had ripped them to shreds. "It seemed so unreal," Wilson said. "When we got into Miami, it was total chaos. Everybody there was in the same situation, from the man in the Mercedes to those walking the streets. They were all on the same level."

Baptist Men serving meals from the disaster relief van.

The Disaster Relief Unit, operated by N.C. Baptist Men, began in 1977 with the purchase of a 45-foot used trailer. The Disaster Relief Ministry is one of 12 ministries receiving support from the State Missions Offering. All total, Baptist Men received $135,000, or 7.5% of the $1.8 million offering this year.

More than 1,000 men and women across the state have been trained for this ministry. This same unit was at Hurricane Diane in 1984, and Hurricane Hugo in 1989.

But it was Andrew in South Florida that tested the unit to its fullest extent. Equipped to serve 3,000 meals a day, at Andrew they served 175,000 meals in 30 days. One day they served 10,000 meals.

North Carolina Baptists helped the Andrew victims financially as well. $250,000 was given to the Florida

Baptist Convention, $10,000 to the Louisiana Baptist Convention and $10,000 to the Hawaii Baptist Convention.

After the initial visit, three more trips were organized — one in December 1992, one in February and one in March of this year. In all, 250 volunteer construction teams and 2,000 people from N.C. helped in South Florida.

The first few weeks were the most difficult of all. Twelve teams (total of 300 volunteers) were assigned the first five weeks of operation, each team working three-day shifts.

"Many had a hard time dealing with leaving," Wilson said, "because they felt the job was so unfinished. We were only allowed to work 72 hours at a time. Some had to come back again to deal with their feelings." Wilson and the other volunteers had to struggle themselves. Often without water, they were forced to sleep under the stars. "I think in the life of a Christian, God puts you in certain areas to minister. It is rewarding to me. I enjoy helping people. I would not want to do this everyday, yet I want to be there when help is needed."

Baptist men delivered food and water to victims of Hurricane Andrew.

Destruction in the aftermath of Hurricane Andrew.

For Paul Wilson and the other volunteers, the memories of Andrew will not be soon forgotten. A teary eyed volunteer spoke of parents unable to get their children to eat due to shock. Another volunteer wept at recounting the closeness she felt to God in the time she served. They grew close to the people they helped and with their fellow volunteers. "It was a total bonding (of friendships). When I see some of the people I worked with across the state, it is such a blessing. We will never forget each other."

Wilson has his own special memories of South Florida. "It was such a blessing to be the person who was able to extend the loving arm of God to them. People remembered who we were and what we have done. It was the most rewarding experience I've ever had. I'll never forget the little girl that hugged my neck, just for offering her a glass of water."

WHAT YOU CAN DO

Pray for State Missions. Make your church aware that we, too, live in a mission field – North Carolina. And give generously to SMO in September.

'You Find Needs And Meet Them'

Story and photos by Deborah Griffin.

Malisa Pierce didn't know what to expect when she decided to become a "semester missionary" during her junior year in college. She came from a small, all white town in Oklahoma, and her mission work would take her to an area in the midst of Durham, North Carolina.

An excited member of Malisa's sewing class.

Pierce began work in Durham's Edgemont district, an area notorious for high crime rates. An old red-brick hosiery mill in the Edgemont area had been renovated into low income housing for the elderly and the physically challenged. Yates Baptist Association, which covers Durham County and parts of Orange and Chatham Counties, saw the Edgemont district as a mission field waiting to be tapped. Yates association gave Pierce the opportunity to minister to those in spiritual need.

Once a week, Pierce goes to the Durham Hosiery Mill Apartments to hold Bible study along with teaching sewing skills. "You can't just go in and do Bible study," she said. "You find needs and you meet them. We thought this would be something they would enjoy."

Faye Bassett, director of church and community ministries for Yates Association feels Edgemont and other inner-city areas are mission fields that need to be explored. "Our main focus right now is the inner city," she said. "Our goal is to build an inner-city mission which will be a preaching point, a preaching/worship facility and a seven-day ministry center."

Seeds for the inner-city mission are planted through Backyard Bible Clubs, sewing classes, and low-rent housing ministries, which includes Bible study for children.

As for the sewing class taught by Pierce, Basset believes it promotes self-worth. "This is a fantastic way to build self-esteem," she said. "It makes them feel good about themselves. They feel they can't do anything, then they find out they can. To understand the love of God, I think you have to feel good about yourself.

Malisa and friend.

Through this they can better understand and accept His love."

Pierce's work is not limited to the sewing class. Each week she meets with a group of kids for Bible study. Pierce leads them through "Big A" material, written by the Woman's Missionary Union for unchurched children grades one through six. Teaching the children presents different challenges. Pierce is never sure how many children will show up. "Sometimes there might be five, sometimes 13."

Pierce is serving her third semester as a missionary. She will return to school in the fall. "After I got here, I knew I couldn't leave," she said. "It would be like taking one step forward and two back. I couldn't imagine leaving in what seemed like the middle of something. I had changed so much. I knew it wasn't over for me yet. There was more for me to learn, see and do."

Malisa receives one of many "rewards" for her work.

Working as a missionary has helped give direction to Pierce's life. When she first became a missionary, Pierce had not declared a major. Now she plans to major in child development or family development and attend either Oklahoma Baptist University or Meredith College in Raleigh.

Pierce has been nurtured by the missionary work she has done. She has not only taught and led, but learned from the people she has reached out to. "These ladies are Christians," she said of the sewing class. "Their faith is so strong. They love to read the Bible. Praying is so meaningful to them."

Members of sewing class proudly show their quilts.

Yates Association is continually expanding its urban ministry. With the funding of the State Missions Offering, Yates Association is able to help missionaries like Malisa Pierce have the opportunity to grow while they minister to the needs of inner-city peoples.

WHAT YOU CAN DO

Pray for Church and Community Ministries in North Carolina as they help meet special needs.

Building Bridges To The 21st Century

Story and photos by Deborah Griffin.

The Smokey Mountains in western North Carolina was once home to literally thousands of Cherokee Indians, before land-hungry white settlers forced more than 16,000 Indians to "relocate" to Indian Territory (now Oklahoma) on the "Trail of Tears" march. Along the way more than 4,000 Indians died. Some of the Cherokees, however, managed to elude U.S. troops by hiding in the hills. Their descendants are today's Eastern Band of Cherokees who live at the edge of the Great Smokey Mountain National Park.

The mountains of Western N.C., home to the Cherokee Indians for centuries.

North Carolina Baptists began a mission to the Cherokees more than 100 years ago, the oldest State Missions program. What early Baptist missionaries found among the Cherokees was a well-developed religion with a belief in one "Great Spirit," a faith not totally unlike Christianity.

Tom Lolley, area missionary for Western N.C.

Despite years of Baptists' missions efforts, 90 percent of the Cherokees in western North Carolina remain unchurched.

Today, there are three Baptist churches on the Cherokee Reservation, none having Sunday School attendance of over 100.

Many Cherokees believe Christianity is "good for the white man, not for Cherokees," says Tom Lolley, area missionary in western N.C. with the Baptist State Convention. The Trail of Tears continues to be a bitter taste in the mouths of many Cherokees. Distrust of the white man has not vanished in 100 years. At times, in the eyes of Cherokees, the white man seems contradictory in his ways. Drowning Bear, a Cherokee chief, once said regarding the Bible: "It seems a good book...strange that the white people are not better, after having it so long."

Today just over 10,000 Indians are enrolled in the Eastern Band of Cherokees, the largest federally recognized tribe east of the Mississippi. To be counted, one must have a minimum of one-sixteenth of Cherokee blood.

DID YOU KNOW? ***Work among the Cherokee Indians is the oldest Home Missions ministry of Southern Baptists.***

During summer, the population of the area swells as 10 million tourists flock to behold the beauty of the Great Smokies. Baptist work expands to include ministry to tourists. "Summertime is a big, big opportunity for resort missions," says Lolley. The associations near Cherokee are involved in Southwest Area Resort Ministries (SWARM). This summer over 30 groups came from all over the United States to do campground ministry, day care, clowning and evening fireside programs.

Tourism is vital to the Indians, according to Lolley. When the cold winters blow in, employment plummets to 67 percent. "They have depended on tourism for their income for a number of years," he says. For many, "if they are going to make a living, it has to be in the summer." Although not a part of their heritage, "They wear fancy headdresses and set up teepees to entertain tourists who come through the area," he says.

The economic base is one of the greatest needs on the reservation. "It is not a wealthy reservation," he says. "The poverty level is prevalent. They are always looking for ways to make money." In their desperation to make a living, some turn to resources that are questionable ethically and morally, according to Lolley. Currently some are trying to get national multi-million dollar bingo established in Cherokee.

"Their tribe is dwindling in numbers," says Lolley. "Their hearts are tied in tradition, but at the same time they are trying to move into the Twenty-first Century. It is very hard." A proud people, their language and crafts skills are in danger of being lost. They teach their native language in Cherokee schools.

A Cherokee practices the craft of her ancestors.

Cherokee Indian Ministries, headed by Tammy Jackson, a native Cherokee Indian, is involved in a variety of outreach programs in the area. One of the most important ministries is a day care program for children. This is one of the ministries supported by the State Missions Offering. More than 100 children have been identified as needing care. "I don't think we've done enough personal evangelism. I don't think we've used a significant number of Native Americans to reach Native Americans. We need to help train Indian pastors. Most of the churches on the reservation are still pastored by white men. I feel it is still an imposed religion."

WHAT YOU CAN DO

Ten million visitors pass through Cherokee each year. The gospel will be presented to many through the Resort Ministry, thanks to your SMO gift.

STATE MISSIONS OFFERING

What Is It? Why Should I Support It?

The annual State Missions Offering provides essential, basic support for a variety of North Carolina missions and ministries, including some of the most familiar and popular programs of work across our state. For example:

88 percent of WMU's entire program budget comes from the State Missions Offering. Some programs, like Camp Mundo Vista (GA/Acteens camp), would literally go out of business without the special offering.

56 percent of N.C. Baptist Men's (Brotherhood) program budget comes from the State Missions Offering. Baptist Men's Disaster Relief Van, the Medical/Dental Bus, agricultural mission projects — all are heavily dependent on state missions.

47 percent of the Missions Division's program budget comes from the State Missions Offering. Almost two-thirds of the Language missions' support comes from the offering. Church Extension gets a little more than one-half of its money from the offering.

44 percent of the Youth and Campus Ministries Division's program budget comes from the State Missions Offering. This year's special offering is earmarked for international students, summer mission programs and special projects at UNC Wilmington and Greensboro.

State Missions provides scholarships for Baptist students attending one of the convention's colleges or universities, help for the new Center for Congregational Health at Baptist Hospital, and support for the conference center at N.C. Baptist Assembly (Caswell).

Baptist associations receive direct assistance from the State Missions Offering. Each association is given an amount equal to 10 percent of the offering collected in that association. If the churches in an association contribute a total of $40,000 to the State Missions Offering, for example, that association receives back $4,000.

The State Missions Offering also provides financial support for Fruitland Baptist Bible Institute and the North Carolina Christian Action League.

The 1993 State Missions Offering goal is $1.8 million. When we fail to reach that goal—last year we only collected around three-fourths of that amount—direct mission programs are simply not funded. A short-fall in the offering leaves the convention no choice. This translates in fewer student summer missionaries, less money for language missions and new church starts, a cut back in work with migrants and other special ministry groups, even less money for Baptist Men's disaster relief van and the medical/dental bus.

The State Missions Offering is not merely an "extra" budget item or money spent on programs unable to be funded by the Cooperative Program. The State Missions Offering supports essential ministries. And without it, many state Baptist ministries—ones churches have grown to depend upon—simply will no longer exist.

A promotional packet for the State Missions Offering (Sept. 12-19) will be mailed to churches (to the pastor's attention) around the first of August. If your church does not receive a packet, contact the Baptist State Convention at 1-800-395-5102 or (919) 467-5100.

PRAYER SUPPORT—*Cont'd from p. 6*

Savior, guard, defender, shield, sustainer, and refuge.

- **We must understand that Jesus is our rescuer, preserver, deliverer, and our benefactor.**
- **Jesus is our only liberator, champion and as the song says "the only hero we need."**
- **We must recognize that Christ is our teacher in life, our tutor, instructor, mentor, and coach.**
- **He is the Emmnauel — God with us.**
- **But most of all we must never lose the image that Jesus Christ is our redeemer who has redeemed us, saved us from what satan wanted us to be in sin and is leading to be what the Holy and Righteous God desires for us to be in Christ Jesus.**

I firmly believe that the members of our church will become people of prayer when they get a new vision of the reality of who Jesus Christ really is. Let's seek to know Him in a more personal relationship. One way to know Him better is to read His Holy Word and to invest more time in prayer.

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Pray for the President of the United States

Pray for the President is a new 48-page pamphlet designed to lead an individual in 40 days of prayer for the President and members of his cabinet. Space is available to write the challenges of that day. The individual is then asked to pray for the President as he and his staff cope with those challenges and decisions.

Individuals will be encouraged to covet with 10 others to pray for the President using the pamphlet for 40 days. These 10 people could be a Sunday School class, prayer group, or office co-workers.

The pamphlet will be distributed in packs of 10 for $3.50 per pack. *Pray for the President* may be ordered only from the Brotherhood Commission. It will not be sold in Baptist Book Stores.

To order additional copies of 10, please call the SBC Brotherhood Commission Customer Services department, 1-800-727-6466.

HOMELAND MISSIONS

Homeland: The Sharing of Visions

Oh, what a time of rejoicing and praising God it is for Homeland Missions. The congregations of Lucia, New Faith, Oakland Memorial, Linden, and Brunswick Islands are now worshipping in their new churches. Thank you, volunteers, who have been able to share in His part of their vision.

Work is continuing at Caswell. The roof damage during the winter storms of March have been replaced and Sherrill Cottage completed. There is still work remaining of siding replacement and some trim work on Gingko. Plans are still under consideration for renovation of Oceania Motel and Building #33. For details, contact David Lloyd (919-278-6626).

Our New York Partnership is continuing with many construction needs. There are 17 North Caroina associations linked with eight New York associations. Obrt 100 N.C. churches and associations will be dinvolved in ministry or construction projects soon (62 projects were done in 1992). If you are interested in participating in the New York Partnership, please contact Tom Jenkins (1-800-395-5102).

Much space in this issue is given to the sharing of visions in homeland missions. Please take the time to prayerfully read the related articles on Camp Mundo Vista, a Peace Offering; Vietnamese Baptist Church, Greensboro; and First Korean Baptist Church, Raleigh. These projects are not just construction needs but part of a vision. Look at their work schedule, see how you can fit in, and call the coordinator for that project. Do not miss out on the blessing of sharing their vision.

Remember: "Unless the Lord builds the house, those that build it labor in vain." (Psalms 127:1)

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Vietnamese Baptist Church, Greensboro: A Peace Offering

The steamy jungles of Vietnam witnessed war for well over a century. First the French, then the Americans fought Chinese influence in Southeast Asia along the natural corridor later called the Ho Chi Min trail. Alongside the desperate battles the missionaries preached the gospel; a word of life in a day of death. Some of those won to Christ moved out of their native land when the war ended in 1975.

Hoa Duc Vo and his family were among them. After months penned like animals in refugee camps, they made their way to "the land of the free and the home of the brave." As one of the few followers of Jesus Christ among the refugees, Hoa Vo sensed God's call to lead people to Christ and to pastor.

Piedmont Baptist Association asked Pastor Vo to work with Vietnamese in the Greensboro area in 1986. Churches agreed to help sponsor new refugees coming into the country. Jobs were available for them in the area. The church began to grow slowly as Buddhists were won to Christ through the great care given them by the Vo family. Refugees arrived with only the clothes on their backs. The Vos helped them clear health authorities, find food and shelter (often in their own home), learn English, get jobs, provide furniture and appliances for rented housing, and even drove them back and forth to work daily until they could drive themselves. No wonder the love of Christ was believed!

Now with 100 members the Vietnamese Church in Greensboro is one of the largest in the nation! Pastor Vo and his family continue to shelter refugees with resources provided by the churches of Piedmont Baptist Association. In March, 1993, two families were aided: one with nine members, the other with 16! The association maintains a house on Terrell Street in South Greensboro and provides $300 per month to help these families. The Vietnamese Church carries a share of the burden as well. This refugee work is paid for strictly by the Piedmont Association Missions Offering. There are no other sources of income. However, the gifts of clothing

and furniture from various churches allow newcomers to have a good beginning for their new life.

This mission church also brings many new people to new life in Christ Jesus every year! Though it is not a large church, the average number of baptisms ranks it near the top annually in ratio of baptisms to members and even total baptisms. In 1992, there were 24 won to Christ in this church. A few years ago a Buddhist priest was brought to the city to begin a pagan temple, but Pastor Vo developed a friendship and won him to Christ. He teaches the Bible and serves the Lord faithfully now. A temple was begun recently and the Vietnamese community remains largely Buddhist. Pray that other stony hearts will be broken. "Is not My Word like a fire? declares the Lord, and like a hammer which shatters a rock?" Jeremiah 23:29.

Southside Baptist Church has generously shared their facilities with the Vietnamese Church for several years now. As the two churches grow, even the recently-constructed building on Interstate 85 feels the strain. The Vietnamese congregation's dream of their own place of worship has begun to take shape on the Sharpe Road property of Piedmont Baptist Association. Many churches have added funds to over $23,000 saved by the Vietnamese for this new worship center. The building fund now stands at about $43,000. Volunteer builders from the sponsor church, Southside Baptist, are joined by people from over half the 53 churches in the association. The summer months of 1993 will see scores of believers working together on this mission project. Most teams are from Piedmont Association's churches, but some plan to come from elsewhere in North Carolina. Your church could be one of them.

It is more important than ever that support of this ministry remain strong during the building phase. As any church, the challenge of the hour is to erect a building while still serving people's spiritual needs. Pray that the Vietnamese can do this. Pray that the Holy Spirit will revive others through the vision of Christlike character seen in Vietnamese believers. Join teams of builders from across North Carolina equipping God's people to reach others in Christ's name. Contact: Chris Morgan (919–674–8197) on-site coordinator.

Korean Baptists in Raleigh to Build New Church

Korean First Baptist Church of Raleigh began as a mission of First Baptist Church, Cary, in 1983. Ten years later, it has grown to a size that requires its own facilities. Currently the 200 member church is meeting in the old sanctuary of First Baptist, Cary. But because of the church's increased attendance, this space has become inadequate for the needs of the church and limits its growth potential.

In 1991, Korean First Baptist purchased five acres of property in northwest Raleigh, near the intersection of Ray and Strickland roads. Since that time, the church has been diligently working on designing facilities to meet its unique ministry needs. Korean First Baptist's vision is to continue to reach Korean-speaking adults and their families (first and second generation Koreans) in the Triangle area. This vision requires both Korean and English-speaking ministries, already in place in the church's ministry. Since second generation Koreans usually speak English and since the church reaches international families (Korean women with American husbands and their families), the church has a very unique advantage of ministering to different groups and cultures of people in the Raleigh-Durham-Chapel Hill area.

You have an open invitation to come and participate in this vision by helping to build Korean First Baptist's first church facilities. This is a history-making event because it is the first language church in the Raleigh Baptist Association to build its own facilities, and it is one of the few language churches in North Carolina to have its own facilities.

The on-site coordinator for this project is David Williams (919–569–9610), a very faithful member of Bethesda Baptist Church in Durham and owner of his own residential and light commercial construction company. The congregation of Korean First Baptist Church is excited about building in the new few months. They have prayed and waited for many years for this time in their history. Please pray and ask the Lord how He would want you to be involved.

Tentative work schedule for volunteers:

Framing: Aug. 28–Nov. 6; Roof shingles, Windows, Doors: Nov. 6–27; Interior Framing, Blocking, etc.: Nov. 27–Dec. 11; Plumbing Rough-In: Dec. 11–Jan. 8; Electrical Rough-In: Dec. 18–Jan. 15; HAC Rough-In: Jan. 15–29; Insulation, Walls: Jan. 22–Feb. 2; Brick Veneer: Jan. 15–March 5; Outside Trim, Boxing, Siding: Mar. 5–Apr. 2; Drywall, Hang & Finish: Feb. 5–26; Interior Trim: Feb. 26–Apr. 2; Painting: Apr. 2–23; Vinyl Flooring & Ceramic Tile Floors: Apr. 23–May 14; Hardware: May 7-28; Finish Electrical, HAC, Plumbing: May 14–June 11; Concrete Walks, Landscaping: June 11–July 2; Carpet: July 6-20; Touch-Up, Clean-Up, Punch List: July 20–Aug. 6.

Baptist Men to Renovate Camp Mundo Vista Cabins

Camp Mundo Vista for GAs and Acteens is the equivalent of Camp Caraway for RAs and young men. Located on the uphill side of the mountain, Camp Mundo has been going strong for 25 years.

WMU leaders have a vision for the future of Camp Mundo Vista. They are beginning a campaign to fund major improvements at the camp. These include winterizing cabins (their first priority), an infirmary, a camp store, an addition to the dining hall, and later on a small lodge.

Baptist Men have voted to assist in the renovation of the cabins during Christmas vacation. There are five units of cabins. Each contains four cabins and a unit lodge. At present, these cabins have screen wire sides. The cost of materials for each cabin is estimated to be less than $10,000. We are asking churches/associations to adopt a cabin and work on it during the week after Christmas. Of course, we are dependant on funds available to buy materials. Sleeping quarters and meals will be provided at Mundo for volunteers.

If your church or association would like to send a crew to work and/or funds to complete the winterization of a cabin, please be in touch with Rex Everhart (1–800–669–0949). More detailed information will be available in the next issue of *Men in Missions.*

Good Resources for Parents/Couples Available

Parenting by Grace now offers two courses of study designed to provide enrichment for parents in a group setting: *Parenting by Grace: Discipline and Spiritual Growth* and *Christian Self-Esteem: Parenting by Grace.* Both rest on the theological truth that God's grace is available to everyone at his or her point of need. Materials are designed so participants can work through a parent's guide which helps them learn to parent infants through teens more effectively. The material is then discussed in a group setting.

The first course, *Parenting by Grace: Discipline and Spiritual Growth,* helps parents utilize the gift of God's grace as they love, affirm, discipline, and guide their children to mature, Christian living.

A *Parent's Guide* (#7764-06) and *Leader's Notebook* (#7765-06) are available. **Parenting by Grace** is available at the Baptist Book Store.

New Christian Sex Education Series

Parents continue to struggle with appropriate ways to guide their children in the area of sexuality. Some feel inadequate. Others think it is too private a subject to discuss, even with their own children. Still others see no use in talking about something that to them is so obvious.

The new **Christian Sex Education** series gives parents a tool for educating their children in the area of sexuality. The six books in the series not only address the subject of anatomy, but go further to discuss values and relationships based on a Christian approach to living. The series is for parents to use with their children and youth in the home. The new series:

- Assists parents in rearing mature, responsible Christian youth who apply biblical principles of sexuality in their everyday living.
- Promotes abstinence, chastity, healthy self-esteem, and self-discipline among children and youth.
- Assists parents and churches in leading children and youth to understand the good that God intended for sexual intercourse within marriage and encourage them to enjoy this relationship only within a God-ordained covenant marriage.
- Teaches appreciation for one's body as God-created, and the responsibility each person has to maintain appropriate boundaries with others; ministers to youth who have fallen short of God's ideal for sexual relationships.
- Provides an avenue for Christian parents and churches to educate others about sexuality and how God intends for it to be expressed.

Books in the series include:

Boys and Girls—Alike and Different by Ellen Chambers (for young children)

Me and My Body by Norma Stevens (for middle children)

Sex! What's That? by Susan Lanford (for preadolescent)

Sexuality: God's Gift by Ann Cannon (for adolescents)

Celebrating Sex in Your Marriage by Dan and Sandra McGee (for married couples)

Christian Sex Education: Parents and Church Leaders Guide compiled by Jimmy Hester (for parents and church leaders)

Visit your nearest Baptist Book Store. Or write or call the Customer Service Center, 127 Ninth Avenue North, Nashville, TN 37234, 1–800–458–2772.

Homes of Honor Video Tape Series

This series of four video tapes by Gary Smalley includes 10 sessions that are designed to be a small group marriage enrichment series. These tapes can be ordered through the audiovisual library at the Baptist State Convention. Call 1–800–395–5102 and ask for extension 142. The video tapes numbers are:

FL 93-503 — Homes of Honor Session 1 & 2
FL 93-504 — Homes of Honor Session 3 & 4
FL 93-505 — Homes of Honor Session 5-7
FL 93-506 — Homes of Honor Sessions 8-10

Call N.C. Baptist Men's Department, 1–800–395–5102 extension 411 for information on Homes of Honor leadership manuals.

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Medical Supplies Needed in Ukraine

North Carolina Baptist Men is collecting non-prescription medical supplies that will be sent to Ukraine. Please encourage your RA's, GA's,Baptist Men, Baptist Women, and your entire church to collect the following items and send them to us. Please send these items in a suitcase if possible (the suitcase will not be returned):

Tylenol	Actifed
Aspirin	Dimatapp
Neosporin	Bandaids

Children's chewable multi-vitamins

Please send these items to:
NCBM, 205 Convention Drive, Cary, NC 27511.

Rest Stop Ministries Held Memorial Day Weekend

What ministry gives 2,700 cups of Pepsi and coffee, 242 children activity books, 1,000 car trash bags with *John 3:16* printed on it, 768 individually wrapped cookie packets with a scripture printed on it, and 50 Bibles and numerous scripture tracts? This is the Rest Stop Ministry and it happened on May 28, 29, & 31 on Interstate 40 at Benson. There were 65 volunteers involved. The Baptist Men's organization and the Raleigh Baptist Association carried out this ministry as a witness for Jesus Christ.

Through leaders like David Walters and Jim Burchette, we were able to witness not only by what we gave but also by what we did. Volunteers fixed cars, gave directions, and offered a listening ear of concern. Our prayer now is that God will cultivate this witness.

JoAnn Stancil,
Raleigh Baptist Association

Another Memorial Day Resort Ministry Project was held on Interstate 85, led by Reedy Fork Baptist Church, and Rick Lawrence, brotherhood director

Location: I–85 North

From 6 p.m. to 6 p.m. May 28–29, the group served 1,293 refreshments (357 cups of coffee and 936 cups of Pepsi).

Comments from workers — "Like salvation, the drinks and coffee were free." "Most people had a hard time accepting the fact that there is still something free in the world." (Donnie Williams & Melanie Dixon)

"Enjoyed meeting people from all over the country. Many are thirsty for someone to care and share Jesus." (Bill Young, Minister of Education)

"People wanted to give money but we explained the woman at the well didn't have to give money. Salvation is free." (Rick Lawrence)

Thanks to Jim Burchette for his help and most of all to Jesus for keeping watch over us for the 24 hours at the rest stop!

Rick Lawrence
Reedy Fork Baptist Church

Haywood Association Rest Stop Ministry Held Easter Weekend

The Haywood Baptist Men's Association held their Easter weekend Rest Stop Ministry on both sides of I–40 on April 9–10. The weather was rainy, cold and very windy, but these adverse conditions were turned into a plus because it gave workers an added chance to witness to people who stopped for refreshment. Almost everyone receiving the Christian hospitality represented by hot coffee, hot chocolate, homemade cookies, and doughnuts exclaimed, "Why are you doing this in this horrible weather?" Was there ever a better chance to share the story of the love of Christ with our neighbors? — and indeed, nearly 6,000 neighbors from almost all states were registered and several from foreign countries.

Not just the Baptist Men were involved, but help was given by the women and the youth of the 25 churches participating. Young travelers were especially served by our youth who gave out balloon animals made while the children watched. The animal was engraved with "Jesus loves (the child's name)". In addition, travel packets which had been made and donated by the GA's were given to the children. Religious tracts and Bibles were displayed and many persons took tracts and Bibles. One big point of interest was our mounted map of the United States. The people stopping for refreshment were invited to put a pin in the map on the location of their hometown.

The statement, "I received more of a blessing from this ministry than I gave," was heard often from the people involved!"

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UPCOMING TRAINING CONFERENCES

1993 Fall Brotherhood Training Schedule Announced

Normally, our fall Brotherhood training conferences are conducted on an associational basis. This year we will be conducting "regional" Brotherhood training sessions. These will be excellent training for Royal Ambassador leaders, High School Baptist Young Men leaders, Baptist Men leaders and Brotherhood directors.

The format that will be used for these Saturday training sessions includes: 8:30 a.m. — coffee/donuts, announcements; 8:45–9:15 a.m. — leadership training; 9:15–10:15 a.m. *choose one conference* (part 1), 1. Lad/Crusader RA Counselors; 2. Pioneer/HSBYM leaders; 3. Baptist Men/Brotherhood director; 10:15–10:30 a.m. — break; 10:30–11:30 a.m. conferences continued — (part 2); and 11:35 a.m.–noon — ministry conferences.

Please check the conference that you would like to attend and the number of people that you plan to bring so that we can send you a map and have enough refreshments at the training conference that you attend.

Saturday, August 28:
Asheville — Buncombe Baptist Resource Center
Lumberton — Hyde Park Baptist Church
Greensboro — Florida Street Baptist Church

Saturday, September 18:
Kinston — Kennedy Baptist Children's Home
Albemarle — Pleasant Grove Baptist Church
Franklin — FBC Franklin

Saturday, September 25:
Raleigh — Trinity Baptist Church
North Wilkesboro — Wilkesboro Baptist Church
Hickory (area) — FBC Hildebran

LOCAL CHURCH BROTHERHOOD TRAINING

Lad & Crusader Counselors (Basic & Advanced)
Pioneer Counselors
High School Baptist Young Men Advisors
Baptist Men/Brotherhood Directors
Brotherhood Training Specialists

AUGUST 13–14, 1993

Caraway Conference Center
Asheboro, North Carolina

Begins at 5:30 p.m. Friday & concludes at noon Saturday

TOTAL COST $35 PER PERSON (2 PER ROOM)
Includes: Program fees, lodging, and three meals

Deadline for Reservations — July 22
(only 200 reservations available)

To register check the appropriate item on the back page.

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OVERSEAS MISSIONS —
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met an American much less a Christian. We can be thankful to our Lord that His opening of doors will never stop till all have heard.

I am excited about the possibilities that exist in this partnership. Every day new opportunities of service come to light. Many volunteers are going to be needed to fulfill these opportunities. Please be in prayer about your going and those that go. Pray for Frank and Mary Zedick, our volunteer coordinators that are spending six months in Ukraine to help meet the needs of the volunteers during their stay there. The Steve Haines' family are our career missionaries in Ukraine. Please remember them in your prayers as they are doing a great job for our Lord and the North Carolina volunteers.

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HSBYM Overseas Mission Project Application Available

Every year over the Christmas Holidays, the N.C. Baptist Men's Department conducts an Overseas Mission trip for High School Baptist Young Men. The location for this year's trip will be Ukraine. The dates will be December 26-January 3. The cost will be approximately $1450 per person (does not include passport).

If you are interested in being a part of the HSBYM Overseas Mission trip, check the appropriate item on the back page for an application.

Mission Lab Weekends

THREE FUN, EXCITING, & PARTICIPATORY SEMINARS

Cost: $7.00 per person per seminar or $15.00 per person for all three. (Special on seminar III—$10.00 per couple)

AUGUST 21–22
Woodlawn Baptist Church (Gaston Association)
Registration deadline August 1

SATURDAY SCHEDULE

Seminar I: 9:15 a.m.–11:30 a.m.
Building Effective RA Chapter Meetings
(for all Royal Ambassador leadership)

Seminar II: 2:00 p.m.– 3:30 p.m.
Teaching Mission games for all ages
(for all Children, Youth, and Adult Leaders interested in missions)

SEPTEMBER 25–26
Trinity Baptist Church (Raleigh Association)
Registration deadline September 1

SATURDAY SCHEDULE

Seminar I: 12:30 p.m.–2:30 p.m.
Building Effective RA Chapter Meetings
(for all Royal Ambassador leadership)

Seminar II: 3:00 p.m.–4:30 p.m.
Teaching Mission games for all ages
(for all Children, Youth, and Adult Leaders interested in missions)

SUNDAY SCHEDULE
Woodlawn & Trinity Baptist Churches

Seminar III: 2:30 p.m.–4:00 p.m.
Families Making a Difference
(for parents, grandparents, or anyone wanting to make a difference)
- Learn how to model Christ for your children
- Learn how to grow as a family through missions involvement
- Learn to lead your family to make a difference in your community

Seminar Leaders
Kenny Rains, Brotherhood Commission, SBC
Jimmy Huffman, North Carolina Baptist Men

For registration check the appropriate item on the back page.

'See Mars Hill College Day'

Royal Ambassadors and their guests are invited to Mars Hill College on September 4, 1993 to visit their campus. There will be a guided tour of the campus beginning at 10:00 a.m. At 11:00 a.m., there will be a program of worship centered around missions and at 12 noon, there will be a box lunch provided by the cafeteria. At 2:00 p.m. the Mars Hill College football team will challenge the team of Tusculum College, Greenville, Tenn. in Meares Stadium.

The cost per person is $6.00. To register, contact Paula Dempsey, Campus Minister, Mars Hill Baptist College, 704–689–1141.

WFU 'Church Day' is Nov. 13

Church Day sponsored by North Carolina Baptist Men and the Athletic Department of Wake Forest University will feature the Wake Forest/Georgia Tech football game, Saturday, Nov. 13. Baptist Men will have 4,000 tickets available for seating in the stands. These tickets will be on a first-come, first-serve basis. Tickets will be mailed to you approximately one month prior to date of the game. There will be no refunds.

The program begins at 10:30; game starts at 1:00 p.m. The cost is $9.50 per person (includes program, box lunch, and game) plus $3 per order handling fee

To order tickets, check the appropriate item on the back page.

New RA and N.C. Baptist Men T-Shirts Now Available

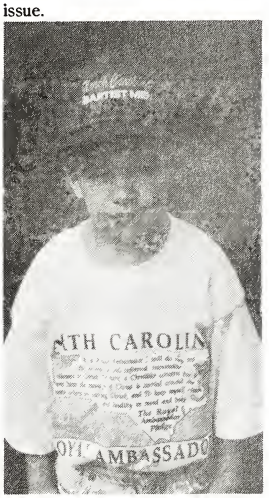
A new North Carolina Royal Ambassador and North Carolina Baptist Men t-shirt are now available. The Royal Ambassador t-shirt has an outline of the state of North Carolina with the Royal Ambassador Pledge printed inside the outline of the state. The Baptist Men's t-shirt is a very attractive one with the new N.C. Baptist Men's logo printed on it.

The cost for either shirt is $5.00 plus an additional charge of $2.00 per order for shipping.

The RA t-shirt is available in Youth 14–16; Adult Small; Adult Medium; Adult Large; and Adult X-Large sizes. The Baptist Men's t-shirt is available in Adult Medium; Adult Large; Adult X-Large; and Adult XX-Large sizes.

New Baptist Men's Hats Available

A new North Carolina Baptist Men's hat is now available. These are very attractive hats with *North Carolina Baptist Men* embroidered on the hat. This new hat comes in four colors: purple, black, navy, and royal blue. The cost is $7.00 per hat plus 50 cents per order for shipping. To order, use the form on the back page of this issue.



Nathan Brunson wearing one of the new Baptist Men's hats.

Adult Campcraft Training to be held September, October

Adult Campcraft Training will be held Sept. 17–19 and Oct. 22–24 at Camp Caraway. This training is for all Royal Ambassador counselors and High School Baptist Young Men advisors and will equip them to teach and lead successful, safe, and meaningful camping experiences. There are three levels of instructions: Basic, Advanced, and Instructor.

All three levels involve learning and teaching 12 camping skill areas. The cost is $30 per person. All participants must provide their own tent and sleeping bag.

Sessions will begin at 6:00 p.m. on Friday and conclude at 1:00 p.m. on Sunday.

For more information and registration, check the appropriate item on the back page.

COLLECT SEEDS FOR AFRICA

North Carolina Baptist Men have received a request to help supply small packets of seeds to a summer missions group going to Namibia, Africa. Our missionary there asked that these packets be brought to be given away to families to be planted. This project can aid in fighting World Hunger and also help in teaching about agricultural missions.

We would like to provide at least 1000 small packets. The following vegetables are what will grow in Namibia: watermelon, canaloupe, tomatoes, turnips, mustard greens, spinach, carrots, cabbage, and beets.

If your chapter would like to help with this project, please mail the packets to: Seeds of Missions, NCBM, PO Box 1107, Cary, NC 27512 *by July 29, 1993.*

CHECK HERE FOR MORE INFORMATION & REGISTRATION

Summer 1993, For additional information and registration check the appropriate block and mail this back page (with the label) to: North Carolina Baptist Men, PO Box 1107, Cary, NC 27512–1107

TO RECEIVE MORE INFORMATION

- ❑ 1994 N.C. Baptist Men's Convention, Jan. 14–16 (p.5)
  *Quantity*_____ Registration forms
- ❑ Hope for Hurting Humanity Packet (p. 5)
- ❑ I would like to be an Aviation Missions Volunteer. (p.7)
- ❑ Disaster Relief Training Event (p. 8)
- ❑ HSBYM Overseas Mission Project Application (p. 14)
  *Quantity*_____ Applications

N.C. Baptist Men's & RA t-shirts (p.15)

N.C. Baptist Men's T-shirts @ $5

- ❑ Adult M *Quantity*_____ = Total $_____
- ❑ Adult L *Quantity*_____ = Total $_____
- ❑ Adult XL *Quantity*_____ = Total $_____
- ❑ Adult XXL *Quantity*_____ = Total $_____

+ Shipping/Handling $2.00

Grand Total $_____

RA T-shirts @ $5

- ❑ Youth 14-16 *Quantity*_____ = Total $_____
- ❑ Adult S *Quantity*_____ = Total $_____
- ❑ Adult M *Quantity*_____ = Total $_____
- ❑ Adult L *Quantity*_____ = Total $_____
- ❑ Adult XL *Quantity*_____ = Total $_____

+ Shipping/Handling $2.00

Grand Total $_____

N.C. Baptist Men's Hats @ $7 (four colors available)

- ❑ Purple *Quantity*_____ = Total $_____
- ❑ Black *Quantity*_____ = Total $_____
- ❑ Navy *Quantity*_____ = Total $_____
- ❑ Royal Blue *Quantity*_____ = Total $_____

+ Shipping/Handling 50¢

Grand Total _____

TO REGISTER FOR CONFERENCES

- ❑ Disaster Relief Training Event, Oct. 9, Baptist Building, Cary (Cost: $15/person, includes materials and lunch) #_____ @ $15 = Total _____

1993 Fall Brotherhood Training Schedule Announced

Sat., Aug. 28 (no charge)
- ❑ Asheville *# attending* _____
- ❑ Lumberton *# attending* _____
- ❑ Greensboro *# attending* _____

Sat., Sept. 18 (no charge)
- ❑ Kinston *# attending* _____
- ❑ Albemarle *# attending* _____
- ❑ Franklin *# attending* _____

Sat., Sept. 25 (no charge)
- ❑ Raleigh *# attending* _____
- ❑ N. Wilkesboro *# attending* _____
- ❑ Hickory *# attending* _____

- ❑ Local Church Brotherhood Training, Aug. 13–14, Caraway (Cost: $35/person, 2 per room, included program fees, lodging and 3 meals) Deadline for reservations July 22/limited to 200 persons.
  #_____ @ $35 = Total _____

Mission Lab Weekends (Cost: $7/person per seminar or $15/person for all three; Special on seminar 3–$10/couple)

- ❑ Aug. 21–22 (Woodlawn Baptist Church) Deadline 8/1
  #_____ @ $7/per seminar = Total $_____
  #_____ @ $15/all 3 seminars = Total $_____
  #_____ @ $10/couple-seminar 3 = Total $_____
- ❑ Sept. 25-26 (Trinity Baptist Church)
  #_____ @ $7/per seminar = Total $_____
  #_____ @ $15/all 3 seminars = Total $_____
  #_____ @ $10/couple-seminar 3 = Total $_____
- ❑ WFU 'Church Day' is Nov. 13 (Cost: $9.50/person included program, box lunch & game) #_____ @ $9.50 = $_____

+ Shipping/Handling $3.00

Grand Total $_____

Adult Campcraft Training, Caraway (Cost: $30/person)
- ❑ Sept. 17–19 #_____ @ $30 = Total $_____
- ❑ Oct. 22–24 #_____ @ $30 = Total $_____

Name _____
(Last) *Please print* *(First)*

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone: Office _____ Home _____

Church _____ Association _____

Leadership Position _____

Registration Fee (if applicable) $_____ Number in group (if applicable)_____

(Make checks payable to North Carolina Baptist Men)

Baptist State Convention, P.O. Box 1107, Cary, NC 27512–1107

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